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SUBJECT: NDPC SECURITY SURVEYS

REF: (A) SEOUL 3479, (B) STATE 82455

1. IN REPLY TO REFERENCE A, THE FOLLOWING MAY BE PROVIDED
ROKG REGARDING SURVEY TEAM VISIT:

A. THE TEAM MEMBERS WILL BE DESIGNATED AS SOON AS
ARRANGEMENTS ARE WORKED OUT HERE AND WITH AMEMBASSY TOKYO
REGARDING THAT SURVEY. YOU WILL BE PROVIDED WITH NAMES,
GRADES, ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED AND SECURITY CLEARANCES
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

B. SINCE CLASSIFIED INFORMATION IS EXCHANGED ON A GOVERN-
MENT TO GOVERNMENT BASIS, WE ASK THAT ROKG SUGGEST LOCATIONS
TO BE VISITED. OF PRIMARY INTEREST ARE VISITS TO THE
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NATIONAL AGENCY(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR MILITARY AND INDUSTRIAL
SECURITY POLICIES TO DETERMINE RULES AND PROCEDURES IN
EFFECT, AND VISITS TO MILITARY AND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES
POSSESSING U.S. INFORMATION (2 - 3 EACH) TO OBSERVE SECURITY
PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES AS APPLIED AT SUCH LOCATIONS.

C. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY AS

OUTLINED IN REFERENCE B CAN BE SATISFIED THROUGH BRIEFINGS AND VISITS TO FACILITIES AS INDICATED ABOVE.

2. FOR AMEMBASSY INFORMATION ONLY:

A. REQUEST THAT COUNTRY TEAM MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO FACILITIES TO BE VISITED BASED ON YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF WHICH FACILITIES HAVE ACCESS TO U.S. CLASSIFIED MILITARY INFORMATION, SUCH AS THOSE INDICATED IN PARA 3 OF REFERENCE A. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST ARE THOSE WHICH DEAL WITH SENSITIVE INFORMATION ON U.S. MISSILE SYSTEMS. IN THIS REGARD, NDPC IS INTERESTED IN SECURITY PROCEDURES AT ROK ARMY LOGISTICS COMMAND (ROKALC) CONSOLIDATED SUPPLY DEPOT AT PUSAN (SEE CDREUSA MSG 070917Z OCT 77, SUBJ: POSSIBLE COMPROMISE OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION RELEASED TO ROK GOVERNMENT).

B. IN REPLY TO PARA 5 OF REFERENCE A, CLASSIFICATION ELIGIBILITY LEVELS ARE CLASSIFIED SECRET, QUOTE NOT RELEASABLE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS UNQUOTE, BECAUSE OF THE POTENTIAL FOR UNFAVORABLE POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES SHOULD FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS BECOME AWARE OF THEIR ELIGIBILITY. PROBLEMS HAVE ARISEN IN THE PAST WHEN CERTAIN FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS HAVE PERCEIVED THAT THEY ARE NOT TREATED EQUALLY WITH OTHERS. SINCE ALL FOREIGN GOVERN-
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MENTS MAY RECEIVE LEVELS OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION WHICH EXCEED THEIR ELIGIBILITY AS A RESULT OF EXCEPTIONS TO THE NATIONAL DISCLOSURE POLICY, IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THEY COULD DRAW AN ACCURATE CONCLUSION AS TO THEIR SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY BASED ON APPROVAL OR DENIAL OF ACTUAL DISCLOSURE REQUESTS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE FOR KOREA SINCE ONLY ONE REQUEST FOR AN EXCEPTION TO POLICY HAS BEEN DENIED BY THE NDPC IN THE PAST 15 YEARS (THIS ONE DENIAL, I CHAPARRAL, WAS LATER APPROVED). NEVERTHELESS, IF YOU BELIEVE THAT QUID PRO QUO WOULD BE ENHANCED BY TELLING THE ROKG THAT THEIR STATUS HAS CHANGED VIS A VIS THE DISCLOSURE POLICY, YOU MAY INFORM THEM THAT THE USG HAS TAKEN THE NECESSARY STEPS TO INSURE THAT WE WILL BE MORE FORTHCOMING IN EXCHANGING CLASSIFIED MILITARY INFORMATION OF HIGHER SENSITIVITY THAN IN THE PAST. IN THIS REGARD, HOWEVER, YOU ARE REMINDED THAT SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY LEVELS IN EACH CATEGORY CANNOT BE DISCLOSED AND THAT ALL DISCLOSURES MUST BE APPROVED BY THE ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY, REGARDLESS OF ELIGIBILITY REFLECTED IN THE NDP. VANCE

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